

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL

Robert Strope, City Administrator, called roll with Mayor Ramsey, C. Ahern, C. Moore, C. Phillips and C. Zuern present. C. Cook was absent.

Robert Strope, City Administrator, explained Executive Session had been added to the agenda to discuss property acquisition matters for approximately 10 minutes.

C. Zuern made the motion to go into Executive Session with C. Moore seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent, motion passed.

C. Moore made the motion to come out of Executive Session with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent, motion passed.

C. Moore made the motion to give Robert Strope, City Administrator, permission to enter into agreement with landowners in regard to the Discovery Trail with C. Zuern seconding the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of December 210 2005 Regular City Council Meeting
Payment Approval List for Warrant Registers 51796-51840 in the amount of \$80,644.44
Payroll Report for Pay Period Ending December 15,2005 in the amount of \$65,511.68,
Warrants 39769-39807

C. Moore made the motion to accept the consent agenda with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent, motion passed.

BUSINESS

AB 06-01 9th Street SW Vacation Request

John Schelling presented AB 06-01 and explained that the City has received a petition for vacation of right-of-way to include the western portion of 9th Street Southwest. A resolution is required under Chapter 15.94.020 of the Unified Development Ordinance to set the date and time of the public hearing at which the Council will consider the petition. The hearing cannot be held more than sixty (60) days and not less than twenty (20) days after the date of the passage of the resolution. The Council has been provided Resolution

2006-1 providing for the posting of public notice and setting a date and time to hold a public hearing in response to the above referenced petition. **C. Zuern made the motion to adopt Resolution 2006-1 with C. Moore seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent, motion passed.**

AB 06-02 Policy Changes – Employee Expenses

David Glasson, Finance Director presented AB 06-02 and stated that the current personnel policy manual sets travel per diem rates at a fixed amount and requires receipts for meals. The rate does not take into account other areas nor does it take into account the labor costs associated with accounting for the expenses. Many cities pay the GSA or State set rates and do not require receipts for expenses. There is also a formula for paying a pro-rata amount for travel that is less than a full day. This change will not impact reimbursement for business related meals obtained locally. Additionally, the policy should be changed to reflect that employees will occasionally be provided meals and refreshments during work sessions that conflict with normal meal times. The rate for mileage has been adjusted by the Federal Government, and we have reverted to that rate which is .445. **C. Zuern made the motion to adopt the policy changes with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent, motion passed.**

REPORTS

Mayor and City Council

C. Phillips asked about City Council voting a Mayor pro-tem and Robert Strope, City Administrator, stated that it will be an agenda item.

C. Moore reported on a feasibility study on Chinook, Ilwaco and Long Beach water plants. It was paid by a grant, with the Department of Health requesting the study. No action was taken.

C. Phillips thanked Don Zuern, Water/Sewer Supervisor, for the tour of the water and sewer plants and for the information that was shared.

C. Ahern reported on her Visitor Bureau visit and also met with Mike Kitzman to discuss park ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Andrew introduced himself as the Long Beach Merchant's president. He also asked for clarification on a letter sent to Long Beach festival chairs from LTAC. Discussion ensued. In conclusion, nothing will be done this year, and the issue will be looked at further. Milt Wadler asked what the status was of the sign task committee. John Schelling responded that a draft has been sent to the Planning Commission and it will be addressed at the Planning Commission meeting 1/10/06. C. Ahern asked if there was a time frame for the City Council to receive the sign information. Robert Strope, City

Administrator, stated no sooner than 60 days and no longer than 120 days, probably closer to 90 days. Diana Tehrani commented that the Planning Commission would like to get the information to the City Council as soon as possible and would like to see a joint workshop between Planning Commission and City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Moore made the motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent, motion passed.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk